

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts**  
**Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

July 9, 2015, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Alderman At Large William A. White Jr.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Robert J. McWatters	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. Roll Call  
199575  
(ID:12202)

Call of the Roll.
Alderman Connolly held a moment of silence for Louise Rossetti. Alderman McWatters held a moment of silence for Elizabeth Traumann. Alderman Heuston held a moment of silence for Bob Gil. Alderman Sullivan held a moment of silence for Gerald LaFee. Alderman Connolly held a moment of silence for Beryl Livingston to end the meeting.
<b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b>
  
2. Minutes  
199576  
(ID:12203)

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 4, 2015, and the Regular Meeting, June 11, 2015.
<b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation 199577 (ID:12206) By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Odmark Ozit, a High School graduate and member of the Boys Track Team, who won the State Outdoor Track Meet Triple Jump Event.

Alderman Connolly congratulated Odmark Ozit for his Triple Jump of 45 feet 7 inches, the longest jump in all of New England. His coach Dave Dickerson spoke of his comeback from his injury and his willingness to do whatever he could for the team.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

4. Citation 199578 (ID:12205) By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending the creative and dedicated team that brought home to Somerville the 2015 All-America City Award.

Alderman Connolly commended the 32 individuals who competed in the All-America City competition in Denver. Sassiane Estany spoke of what an amazing experience it was for the entire team.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

5. Order 199579 (ID:12180) By Ald. White Jr., Niedergang That the Director of SPCD install safety call boxes along the Lowell Street Community Path Extension, and work with MA DOT to install auxiliary lighting and pigeon deterrents under the Lowell Street Bridge.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6. Order 199580 (ID:12181) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD inform the Ward 5 Alderman about safety measures that will be in place before the Community Path Extension opens to slow traffic and protect pedestrians and cyclists around the Lowell Street bridge.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

7. Order 199581 (ID:12182) By Ald. Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalks on both sides of the bridge over the railroad tracks on Central Street near Hoyt-Sullivan Park. (2nd request)

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 8. Order<br>199582<br>(ID:12183)  | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Director of Capital Projects update this Board about resolving the drainage issues at 35R Lexington Avenue by this Board's August 27, 2015 meeting.  |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |   |
| 9. Order<br>199583<br>(ID:12184)  | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Director of Inspectional Services report to the Ward 5 Alderman the possible use of an herbicide by the owner of 35R Lexington Avenue on the Community Path alongside the property.                                    |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |   |
| 10. Order<br>199584<br>(ID:12185)   | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Ward 5 Alderman the schedule for repaving Main Street.  |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |   |
| 11. Order<br>199585<br>(ID:12186)   | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the cracks in the sidewalk in front of 51 Main Street.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |   |
| 12. Order<br>199586<br>(ID:12187)   | By Ald. Niedergang<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on the design, placement, effectiveness and enforcement of "NO IDLING" signs by all schools. |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Traffic and Parking Committee |   |
| 13. Order<br>199587<br>(ID:12188)   | By Ald. Connolly, McWatters<br>That the City Engineer inspect 36 Hamlet Street for possible settling issues as a result of nearby street and building construction.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |   |
| 14. Resolution<br>199588<br>(ID:12189)                                    | By Ald. Connolly, Gewirtz, and the Entire Board<br>That the Mayor request the MBTA to install additional bike racks at both head houses of the Davis Square Red Line station.   |
| <b>RESULT: APPROVED</b>   |   |

15. Resolution 199589 (ID:12190) By Ald. Sullivan, McLaughlin That the Department of Public Utilities investigate and take appropriate actions against electricity companies that use deceptive sales tactics.

Alderman Sullivan explained that consumers are being deceived by public utility salespeople who are promising lower bills and then charging high cancellation fees when the bills are higher, not lower, than before. Alderman Heuston added that the Health and Human Services Department should conduct outreach to senior citizens. (See Agenda #199639, Agenda #62.)

**RESULT: APPROVED**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

16. Order 199590 (ID:12191) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the grass at, and clean, Harris Park.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

17. Order 199591 (ID:12192) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the trees at 11 and 13 Melvin Street to determine if a safety condition exists with regards to the utility wires.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

18. Order 199592 (ID:12193) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the potholes on Mount Pleasant Street

**RESULT: APPROVED**

19. Order 199593 (ID:12194) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD place Mount Pleasant Street on the re-paving list.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

20. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 199594 (ID:12173) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on June 30, 2015.

Alderman Heuston reported on the items discussed at the meeting.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

21. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report<br>199595<br>(ID:12178) | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, meeting on July 9, 2015.                       |
|    |  | Alderman Heuston reported on the items discussed at the meeting.<br><b>RESULT:       APPROVED</b>       |
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| B. | Mayor's Request<br>198756<br>(ID:11432)  | Requesting the appointment of Lieutenant Brian O'Donovan as Fire Captain.                               |
|    |  | <b>RESULT:       APPROVED</b>   |
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| C. | Mayor's Request<br>199560<br>(ID:12143)  | Requesting the appointment of C. Anne Brockelman as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. |
|    |  | <b>RESULT:       APPROVED</b>   |

22. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report<br>199596<br>(ID:12176) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 6, 2015.   |
|    |  | Alderman Lafuente reported on the meeting, which was a public hearing attended by the mayor and 30 residents who had concerns about the proposed new location of the fire department at 515 Somerville Ave.<br><b>RESULT:       APPROVED</b> |

23. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report<br>199597<br>(ID:12177) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 7, 2015.  |
|    |  | Alderman Lafuente reported on the items discussed at the meeting.<br><b>RESULT:       APPROVED</b>  |
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| B. | Mayor's Request<br>199433<br>(ID:11998)  | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$250,000 in a bond for two Hybrid DPW Refuse Trucks.   |
|    |  | <b>RESULT:       APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br><b>AYES:</b> Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne |
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| C. | Mayor's Request<br>199436<br>(ID:11902)  | Requesting approval to pay prior fiscal year invoices in the Dept. of Public Works totalling \$5,544.29.  |
|    |  | <b>RESULT:       APPROVED</b>   |

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| <p>D. Mayor's Request 199464 (ID:12026)</p>  | <p>Requesting the creation of the MillBrook Stabilization Fund and acceptance of a mitigation payment to the Fund of \$47,770 from Berkeley Investments Inc., for sidewalk improvements.</p>      |
| <p><b>RESULT:</b> APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]<br/> <b>AYES:</b> Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne</p> |   |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request 199528 (ID:12088)</p>  | <p>Requesting the approval of an appropriation of \$5,824.15 from the Capital Equipment Stabilization Fund to purchase new seating for the public's use in the Aldermanic Chambers.</p>           |
| <p><b>RESULT:</b> APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]<br/> <b>AYES:</b> Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne</p> |   |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request 199530 (ID:12061)</p>  | <p>Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$2,500 from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation for the Arts Council's Mystic Mural and Art in the Garden programs.</p>                            |
| <p><b>RESULT:</b> APPROVED</p>   |   |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request 199559 (ID:12027)</p>  | <p>Requesting the creation of the Elmwood Stabilization Fund and acceptance of a mitigation payment to the Fund of \$12,500 from GFC Development Inc., for crosswalk installation.</p>            |
| <p><b>RESULT:</b> APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]<br/> <b>AYES:</b> Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne</p> |   |
| <p>H. Order 199598 (ID:12228)</p>  | <p>By Ald. Connolly<br/>         That the Director of SPCD provide the Finance Committee with the indirect and acquisition costs related to the proposed taking of 515 Somerville Avenue.</p>     |
| <p><b>RESULT:</b> APPROVED<br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee</p>   |   |
| <p>I. Order 199599 (ID:12227)</p>  | <p>By Ald. White Jr.<br/>         That #197611, an August 22, 2014, report on the relocation of the Police and Fire Departments, be recommitted to this Board's Finance Committee for review.</p> |
| <p>See Agenda Item #63.<br/> <b>RESULT:</b> APPROVED</p>   |   |

24. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 199600 (ID:12174) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on June 30, 2015.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He reported Amanda Maher presented initiatives regarding grants for job training and workforce development. He said that the new main branch library may not be located in Union Square, because the state denied the city's grant application. There will be community discussions on this and the renovations of the East and West branches as well. The third item was a progress report on the Somervision goals, which will be revised then shared with the Board. He said the new DCR Commissioner met with Mayor's Administrative Assistant Omar Boukili and discussed obtaining more playing fields and redesigning some existing park lands, including Draw 7 Park. The last item concerned construction at Assembly Row Parcel 6 with Callaghan Construction using non union workers.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. Resolution 197475 (ID:10101) By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan, and the Entire Board That the Administration discuss with DCR, an agreement by which the City takes joint control of the DCR park area from Shore Drive to the riverbank so the City can maintain that area for the benefit and protection of its residents.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- C. Order 198324 (ID:10898) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD report to this Board the possibility of putting a community garden and/or a dog park in the eastern part of Junction Park.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- D. Public Communication 198494 (ID:11059) Federal Realty Investment Trust requesting to address this Board re: #198410, a Resolution urging FRIT to employ union labor and give preference to Somerville residents for all construction work.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- E. Resolution 198572 (ID:11146) By Ald. Niedergang That the Mayor report to this Board on new main branch of the Public Library in Union Square.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- F. Order 198584 (ID:11156) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD plan a walkway between East Somerville and Assembly Square in conjunction with Federal Realty and Criterion Development.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- G. Order 199127 (ID:11761) By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of SPCD (Transportation and Infrastructure) report to this Board on plans to convert the city owned parking lot between Central Street and Junction Park to a park.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- H. Order 199265 (ID:11857) By Ald. Heuston, and the Entire Board That the Director of SPCD report to this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development on negotiating with DCR to obtain public input on the design of Draw 7 Park.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- I. Order 199296 (ID:11893) By Ald. Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD contact the Ward 7 Alderman to arrange a community meeting to discuss mobility around Teele Square.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- J. Public Communication 199452 (ID:11997) Good Jobs Somerville and the NE Regional Council of Carpenters expressing concern about FRIT's selection of Callahan Inc. as its general contractor for Assembly Row Parcel 6.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- K. Resolution 199601 (ID:12222) By Ald. Niedergang That the Administration request Federal Realty Investment Trust to provide the wages, hours and residency of everyone employed at the parcel 6 site.

**RESULT: APPROVED**



25. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 199602 (ID:12175)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on June 30, 2015.</p>  |
|  | <p>Alderman Sullivan reported there were 5 public hearings at this meeting. One concerned American Auto Gallery expanding its used car business (now located at 682 Mystic Ave) to 654 Mystic Ave. Several neighbors and Ward Alderman Lafuente spoke strongly against the item. They reported that the 682 Mystic Ave location was negatively impacting the neighborhood, and routinely storing excess vehicles on the lot. The applicant admitted that at the time of the meeting, he had excess vehicles stored at his 682 Mystic Ave lot. Alderman Sullivan said he inspected the lot that night, on his way home from the meeting, and found 34 vehicles on the lot, which holds a permit for no more than 21 vehicles. Alderman Lafuente added that the applicant regularly has more than 30 vehicles on the lot, and that he regularly blocks the end of the lot which is designed for Fire Dept. Access, thus creating a safety hazard in the neighborhood. Alderman Sullivan said that the Committee voted to deny the application. Another public hearing concerned Mass Inspection at 712 Mystic Ave, and whether the lift could be used to conduct the inspections.</p> <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p> |
| <p>B. License/Permit 199257 (ID:11852)</p>   | <p>Public Event Permit, BA Events Let's Run and Have Fun 5K Races, Assembly Sq area, Thursdays, May 28-Oct 1, 5PM-Midnight.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |
| <p>C. License/Permit 199339 (ID:11910)</p>   | <p>New Mobile Food Vendor, Bon Me Foods.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED</b></p>   |
| <p>D. License/Permit 199451 (ID:12038)</p>   | <p>Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave., extending to 654 Mystic Ave. with 16 vehicles outside.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>RESULT: NOT APPROVED</b></p>   |
| <p>E. License/Permit 199539 (ID:12118)</p>   | <p>New Outdoor Seating License, Kirkland Tap and Trotter, 425 Washington St., Occupying 2 parking spaces for a charcoal grill on weekends, Jun-Oct.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</b></p>   |
| <p>F. License/Permit 199543 (ID:12117)</p>   | <p>New Extended Operating Hours License, Papa John's Pizza, 622 Somerville Ave, Opening Sun-Thu to 1AM, Fri-Sat to 3AM.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED</b><br/> <b>AMENDED:</b> Approved for 6 months only.</p>   |

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

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| <p>26. Mayor's Request 199603 (ID:12160)</p>  | <p>Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City to appropriate funds to assist commercial properties in maintaining and improving exterior storefronts.</p> |
| <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Legislative Matters Committee</p>   |   |
| <p>27. Mayor's Request 199604 (ID:12166)</p>  | <p>Requesting approval to discontinue the portion of Cross Street East between Pennsylvania and Mystic Avenues.</p>   |
| <p>Alderman Lafuente requested to waive the readings of items 27 through 29 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br/> <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee</p>  |   |
| <p>28. Mayor's Request 199605 (ID:12167)</p>  | <p>Requesting the partial release of the Open Space Covenant affecting property on Cross Street East.</p>   |
| <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee</p>   |   |
| <p>29. Mayor's Request 199606 (ID:12168)</p>  | <p>Requesting the acceptance of an Easement and Easement Releases over a former portion of Cross Street East.</p>   |
| <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br/> <b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee</p>   |   |
| <p>30. Mayor's Request 199607 (ID:12197)</p>  | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$835,000 in a bond for the modular construction of living quarters for Fire Station Engine 3.</p>                   |
| <p>Alderman Heuston had questions for Rob King regarding the next steps to be taken. He advised that once approved, a contract and schedule would be prepared, then removal of the existing trailer would take place. Alderman Rossetti had a concern which Mr. King addressed stating all of the contractors that bid on the job were required to be DECAM certified, meeting insurance requirements and capable of doing the work.<br/> <b>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</b><br/> <b>AYES:</b> Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne</p> |   |

31. Mayor's Request 199608 (ID:12196) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$91,890 to the DPW Sanitation Professional and Technical Services Account, to fund a pilot residential compost program.
- Alderman Gewirtz explained how important it is for food waste to be disposed of as compost, instead of clogging up landfills and potentially contributing to global warming. She reiterated there needs to be an education campaign in place for the community to understand this pilot. Alderman Ballantyne questioned the particulars of the pilot program. Director of Sustainability and Environment Oliver Garcia responded that 1,000 homes in Ward 5 starting in September, using food waste excluding meat products, would launch the pilot. Alderman Ballantyne also questioned why this item was not included in the FY16 budget. President White questioned whether there will be payment from the composting facility for the deliveries, and Mr Garcia advised he is looking into offsetting some of the costs in this manner, as it has the potential to become citywide.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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32. Mayor's Request 199609 (ID:12165) Requesting an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Workforce Training Stabilization Fund for Local Workforce Development.
- Mr. Glavin explained this funding is from a donation of \$100,000 from IKEA. The outreach program will seek to identify 50 to 100 residents and place them in full time jobs.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Rossetti, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Houston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, Ballantyne
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33. Mayor's Request 199610 (ID:12201) Requesting approval to apply for a PARC Grant of \$400,000 for renovations at Hoyt-Sullivan Playground on Central Street.
- Alderman Lafuente requested to waive the readings of items 33 and 34 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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34. Mayor's Request 199611 (ID:12204) Requesting acceptance of the donation of a van valued at \$2,500 from Fire Equipment Inc., to the Fire Department.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

35. License/Permit 199612 (ID:12210) Public Event Permit, Redbones BBQ Pig Pickin Homeless Coalition Block Party, Chester St from Elm to Herbert Sts, Jul 27, Noon-10PM (raindate Aug 3).

Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 35 through 43 and approve them, but refer item 42 to License and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

36. License/Permit 199613 (ID:12211) Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Mural Project, Cross St East across from Chuckie Harris Park, Jul 30, 6:30-10:30PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

37. License/Permit 199614 (ID:12212) Public Event Permit, East Somerville Main Streets Banner Festival, E. Somerville Library sidewalk, Aug 1, Noon-6PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

38. License/Permit 199615 (ID:12213) Public Event Permit, Hudson St Block Party from Benton to Central Sts, Aug 1, 2-9:30PM (raindate Aug 2).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

39. License/Permit 199616 (ID:12214) Public Event Permit, Skehan St Block Party at 35 Skehan St, Sep 6, Noon-8PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

40. License/Permit 199617 (ID:12215) Public Event Permit, Nave Gallery YarnStorm Wraparound Project, Powderhouse Park, Sep 26, 10AM-5PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

41. License/Permit 199618 (ID:12208) Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab and Yellow Cab Assn., 2 cabs at 255 Elm St., 2 cabs at 503 Broadway, 6 cabs at 295 Broadway, 4 cabs at 1 Davis Sq., 5 cabs at 0 Foley St., 4 cabs at 30 Washington St., 3 cabs at 22-26 Union Sq.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

42. License/Permit 199619 (ID:12207) Renewing Garage License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy., from November 1, 2014, through April 30, 2015.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

43. License/Permit 199620 (ID:12209) New Outdoor Seating License, Taqueria Montecristo, 146 Broadway, 2 tables, 4 seats.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

44. Order 199621 (ID:12223) By Ald. McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works landscape the area around the East Somerville Community School.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

45. Order 199622 (ID:12224) By Ald. Connolly That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services investigate the possible illegal residency and storage of items near the Church at Francesca and College Avenues and act to remedy the situation.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

46. Order 199623 (ID:12225) By Ald. Connolly That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services investigate the possible vacant building at 29 Kidder Avenue and compel the owner(s) to improve the condition of the property.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

47. Order 199624 (ID:12226) By Ald. McWatters That the arborist examine the tree at 61 Putnam Avenue and determine its vitality, replacing it in the fall if it cannot be saved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

48. Mayor's Request 199625 (ID:12238) Requesting authorization to develop a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) plan to aggregate the electricity load of residents and businesses, per MGL c164 s134.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Special Committee

49. Mayor's Request 199626 (ID:12216) Requesting the promotion of Christopher Major to Deputy Chief in the Fire Department.  
 Alderman Heuston requested to waive the readings of items 49 through 55, refer 49 through 54 to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, and place 55 on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments Committee

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| 50. Mayor's Request<br>199627<br>(ID:12217)         | Requesting the promotion of Matthew Wall to District Chief in the Fire Department.                                       | <b>RESULT:</b> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION<br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments Committee  |
| 51. Mayor's Request<br>199628<br>(ID:12218)         | Requesting the promotion of Thomas Gorman to Captain in the Fire Department.   | <b>RESULT:</b> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION<br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments Committee  |
| 52. Mayor's Request<br>199629<br>(ID:12219)         | Requesting the promotion of Justin Bonner to Lieutenant in the Fire Department.  | <b>RESULT:</b> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION<br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments Committee  |
| 53. Mayor's Request<br>199630<br>(ID:12220)         | Requesting the promotion of Marc Ardolino to Lieutenant in the Fire Department.  | <b>RESULT:</b> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION<br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments Committee  |
| 54. Mayor's Request<br>199631<br>(ID:12221)         | Requesting the promotion of Dennis Sullivan Jr to Lieutenant in the Fire Department.                                     | <b>RESULT:</b> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION<br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Confirmation of Appointments Committee  |
| 55. Officer's Communication<br>199632<br>(ID:12159) | DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 6/11/15.   | <b>RESULT:</b> PLACED ON FILE  |
| 56. License/Permit<br>199633<br>(ID:12230)          | Public Event Permit, Josephine Avenue SomerPlay, from Kidder to Morrison Aves, Jul 19 and Aug 1, 4-8PM (raindate Aug 2). | Alderman Sullivan requested to waive the readings of items 56 through 61 and approve them once all departments have signed off, but refer item 58 to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br><b>RESULT:</b> APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS<br><b>CONDITION:</b> Approved only following all internal approvals. |
| 57. License/Permit<br>199634<br>(ID:12236)          | Public Event Permit, Nepali Relief Fund Yard Sale, Union Sq Plaza, Jul 26, 11AM-8PM (raindate Aug 2).                    | <b>RESULT:</b> APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS<br><b>CONDITION:</b> Approved only following all internal approvals.   |

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| 58. License/Permit<br>199635<br>(ID:12235) | Public Event Permit, RCN Marketing Event, Davis Sq, 5 dates between Aug 15-Sep 15, 11:30AM-6:15PM.  | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Licenses and Permits Committee                |
| 59. License/Permit<br>199636<br>(ID:12233) | Public Event Permit, Starlab Music and Arts Festival, 10 Poplar St, Aug 21 (setup) 6-10 PM, Aug 22 (event) Noon-11PM (raindate Aug 28, 29). | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS</b><br><b>CONDITION:</b> Approved only following all internal approvals. |
| 60. License/Permit<br>199637<br>(ID:12234) | Public Event Permit, Somerville Democratic City Committee Picnic, Powderhouse Park, Aug 29, 11AM-4PM.                                       | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS</b><br><b>CONDITION:</b> Approved only following all internal approvals. |
| 61. License/Permit<br>199638<br>(ID:12237) | Public Event Permit, 5Point Film Festival, Davis Sq Statue Park, Sep 24-25, 2-9PM.  | <b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS</b><br><b>CONDITION:</b> Approved only following all internal approvals. |

**LATE ITEMS**

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| 62. Order<br>199639<br>(ID:12241)                    | By Ald. Heuston, Sullivan, McLaughlin<br>That the Director of Health and Human Services warn residents, especially senior citizens, about electricity companies that use deceptive sales practices. | See discussion at #199589, Agenda #15.<br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>APPROVED</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Public Health and Public Safety Committee |
| 63. Mayor's<br>Communication<br>197611<br>(ID:10018) | Communicating information regarding the needed relocation of the Public Safety Building.  | See Agenda Item #23I.<br><b>RESULT:</b> <b>PLACED ON FILE</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee                                    |

64. License/Permit 199450 (ID:12036) Amending Garage License Application, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave., seeking use of the on-premises lift.

Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits.  
 Licenses and Permits Committee Chair Sullivan reported that he had received state regulations from the petitioner indicating that it could be advantageous to have the use of a lift in the course of inspections. He moved for a 60 day conditional approval of its use for simple repairs pertaining to passing inspections only.  
**RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED**  
**AMENDED:** Approved for 60 days only. On-premises lift is to be used only for inspectional purposes.

65. Order 199640 (ID:12231) By Ald. White Jr., Niedergang That the Director of Inspectional Services instruct the owner of the Magoun Square parking lot to not damage vehicles parked in the lot while cleaning the lot.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

66. Order 199641 (ID:12232) By Ald. Niedergang, White Jr. That the City Solicitor report to this Board the rationale for filing in US District Court a legal action seeking to overrule the Secretary of State's ruling that requires the City to release parking permit information requested by the Boston Globe.

Alderman Niedergang explained the Boston Globe requested records of residents who had parking permits in Boston and Somerville. Boston complied with the order, but Somerville challenged the request in court. Alderman Niedergang commented this request could shed light on the Somerville parking program, and said that Boston was able to identify abusers of their parking permit program with the information gained by the Globe. City Solicitor Frank Wright responded to the questions explaining that the privacy of the Somerville residents, particularly their email addresses and cell phone numbers, should not be shared. He reiterated that Somerville residents expect that applying for a parking permit does not mean granting anyone their personal information. There are 2 law suits being filed, one in Federal Court pertaining to the Driver Privacy Protection Act and one in State Court pertaining to the Public Records Law. Alderman Niedergang agreed that email addresses and cell phone numbers should remain private but said the names of the permit holders should be made available. The City Solicitor responded that the city is working on an anonymous list to help determine how many vehicles are at each address, although the Globe is insisting on phone numbers. Alderman McWatters had a concern about law enforcement officials having their names and addresses becoming public. Mayor's Administrative Assistant Omar Boukili reiterated that the city is prepared to provide a database matching applicants to permits while protecting their personal information.  
**RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**



67. Mayor's Request 199642 (ID:12055) Requesting an appropriation of \$470,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to fund a comprehensive citywide Mobility Plan.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

68. License/Permit 199643 (ID:12242) Public Event Permit, 7ate9 Bakery Grand Opening street parking for food truck, 199 Highland Ave, Jul 11, 10AM-6PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**  
**CONDITION:** Approved only following all internal approvals.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk.